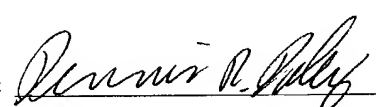


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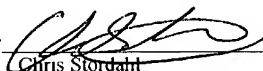
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In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment, which is based on claims amended in prosecution of the international application and published in the International Preliminary Examination Report, a copy of which will follow.

Please find enclosed Amended Sheets 8, 9, and 10, with amended patent claims 1-13, which were amended according to Article 34, Rule 66, during the preliminary examination procedure on 19 July 2001.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Insert the attached Abstract page into the application as the last page thereof.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

A courtesy copy of the present specification is enclosed herewith. However, the World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO) copy should be relied upon if it is already in the U.S. Patent Office.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3, 4, 6, 11, 12, and 13 as follows:

3. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the solid cleaner preferably contains one or more of the ingredients typical of surface cleaners selected from the group consisting of nonionic, anionic, cationic or amphoteric surfactants, carbonates, sulfates or phosphates and components with complexing properties, acids and perfume and dyes.
4. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the water-soluble shell contains one or more components selected from the group of polymers.
6. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the shaped cleaning body is contacted with water in a ratio by volume of preferably 1:10 to 1:300 and gives a liquid cleaning concentrate which, on further dilution with water by a factor of 10 to 300, forms a ready-to-use solution for the cleaning of surfaces.
11. (Amended) A system as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that a cleaning concentrate is obtained when the shaped cleaning body is contacted with water in a ratio by volume of 1:10 to 1:300 in the bottle with the particular holding capacity and, on further dilution with water by a factor of 10 to 300, the concentrate forms a ready-to-use solution for the cleaning of surfaces.
12. (Amended) The use of the system claimed in one claim 9 in the cleaning of buildings by cleaning contractors and generally in the institutional cleaning service industry.

13. (Amended) The use of the system claimed in claim 9 in the domestic sector.

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 3, 4, 6, 11, 12, and 13.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Marked-up Copy".

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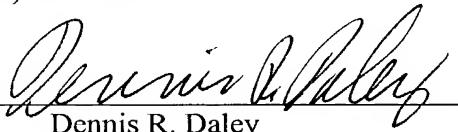
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3. A process as claimed in claim 1 [or 2], characterized in that the solid cleaner preferably contains one or more of the ingredients typical of surface cleaners selected from the group consisting of nonionic, anionic, cationic or amphoteric surfactants, carbonates, sulfates or phosphates and components with complexing properties, acids and perfume and dyes.
4. A process as claimed in [one or more of] claim[s] 1 [to 3], characterized in that the water-soluble shell contains one or more components selected from the group of polymers.
6. A process as claimed in [one or more of] claim[s] 1 [to 5], characterized in that the shaped cleaning body is contacted with water in a ratio by volume of preferably 1:10 to 1:300 and gives a liquid cleaning concentrate which, on further dilution with water by a factor of 10 to 300, forms a ready-to-use solution for the cleaning of surfaces.
11. A system as claimed in claim 9 [or 10], characterized in that a cleaning concentrate is obtained when the shaped cleaning body is contacted with water in a ratio by volume of 1:10 to 1:300 in the bottle with the particular holding capacity and, on further dilution with water by a factor of 10 to 300, the concentrate forms a ready-to-use solution for the cleaning of surfaces.
12. The use of the system claimed in [one or more of] claim[s] 9 [to 11] in the cleaning of buildings by cleaning contractors and generally in the institutional cleaning service industry.
13. The use of the system claimed in [one or more of] claim[s] 9 [to 11] in the domestic sector.

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ABSTRACT

The invention relates to portioned cleaning shaped bodies which are comprised of solid cleaning agent and of a water-soluble coating and which are used for producing liquid cleaning agent concentrates. The invention also relates to the use of the cleaning shaped bodies in the area of building cleaning or industrial cleaning services or in the area of household cleaning.

Portioned Cleaning Shaped Bodies

This invention relates to portioned shaped cleaning bodies consisting of a solid powder-form cleaner and a water-soluble shell for the preparation of liquid cleaning concentrates and to their use in the cleaning of buildings or in the institutional cleaning service industry or in domestic
 5 cleaning.

In the cleaning service industry, it is common practice for superconcentrates to be purchased from the manufacturer of cleaning products and for cleaning concentrates to be prepared as required by dilution with water using equipment or containers of the cleaning contractor.

10 In order to provide the cleaning staff with sufficient quantities, the cleaning concentrate is generally prepared in large amounts of 100 liters or more. The contractor's cleaning staff place the required amount of concentrate in relatively small containers, such as bottles or canisters for example, for use in cleaning operations.

15 The disadvantage of this practice is that the contractor's staff have to transport the particular amounts of cleaning concentrate required from the stockroom or point of preparation to the point of use. This is all the more labor-intensive when cleaning concentrates have to be prepared for several applications such as, for example, window cleaning, floor cleaning
 20 and other surface cleaning applications. So far as transportation is concerned, the particular cleaning contractor simply has to accept the weight of the liquid cleaning concentrates and has to have the necessary space available. Another consequence of this practice is that the contractor's staff have little flexibility. Either they have to take large
 25 quantities with them - sufficient even for unforeseeable cleaning work - or they have to fetch supplies from the stockroom or point of preparation. Disadvantages, such as the weight of and space occupied by liquid

cleaning concentrates, also apply to the domestic sector.

The problem addressed by the present invention was to provide highly concentrated shaped cleaning bodies which would enable cleaning concentrates to be prepared in situ by dilution with water and which could
5 be used in the cleaning of buildings by cleaning contractors and generally in the institutional cleaning service industry or in the domestic sector.

Accordingly, the present invention relates to shaped cleaning bodies for the preparation of a liquid cleaning concentrate, characterized in that the shaped cleaning body consists of a solid cleaner, preferably in powder,
10 granular or paste form, and a water-soluble shell surrounding the solid cleaner and preferably has an elongate narrow form.

The shaped cleaning body preferably has a width of 1 to 3 cm at its widest point where it is cylindrical, elliptical or rectangular in shape. In another preferred embodiment, the length of the shaped cleaning body is at
15 least twice its width at its widest point where it is cylindrical, elliptical or rectangular in shape. The solid cleaner preferably contains one or more of the ingredients typical of surface cleaners selected from the group consisting of nonionic, anionic, cationic or amphoteric surfactants, carbonates, sulfates or phosphates or components with complexing
20 properties, acids and perfume and dyes. The water-soluble shell preferably contains one or more components selected from the group of polymers. In a particularly preferred embodiment, polyvinyl alcohol at least is present as the polymer. In a most particularly preferred embodiment, the shell consists entirely of polyvinyl alcohol.

25 Corresponding shaped cleaning bodies are used in the domestic sector and preferably in the cleaning of buildings by cleaning contractors and generally in the institutional cleaning service industry.

The present invention also relates to a process for the preparation of a cleaning concentrate in which

- a) a shaped cleaning body according to the invention is placed in the form of a portion, i.e. without previous quantity measurement, in a container with a particular holding capacity and
- b) the container is filled with water to form a cleaning concentrate containing a particular quantity of active ingredients or
- 5 c) a shaped cleaning body according to the invention is placed in the form of a portion, i.e. without previous quantity measurement, in a container with a particular holding capacity already filled with water to form a cleaning concentrate containing a particular quantity of
- 10 active ingredients.

The containers with a particular holding capacity preferably consist of plastic, glass or metals and preferably have a holding capacity of 0.3 to 10 liters and preferably 0.5 to 2.5 liters. For example, bottles in the form of

15 typical standard bottles as known, for example, in the beverage industry may be used.

The shaped cleaning body is contacted with water in a ratio by volume of preferably 1:10 to 1:300 and gives a liquid cleaning concentrate which, on further dilution with water by a factor of 10 to 300, forms a ready-

20 to-use solution for the cleaning of surfaces, but which may also be used without dilution.

The present invention also relates to a system - consisting of shaped cleaning bodies according to the invention combined with containers having a particular holding capacity that are preferably made of plastic,

25 glass or metals and preferably have a holding capacity of 0.3 to 10 liters, the dimensions of the shaped cleaning body and the size of the container opening being co-ordinated with one another - which is suitable for providing a cleaning concentrate by contacting the shaped cleaning body in the container with the particular holding capacity with water in a ratio by

30 volume of 1:10 to 1:300, the cleaning concentrate forming a ready-to-use

As described above, solid cleaning formulations may be present in shells designed in accordance with the invention. For example, the following exemplary formulations were accommodated in cylindrical water-soluble shells with a length of 150 mm and a diameter of 30 mm. The same exemplary formulations were accommodated in a water-soluble shell of elliptical cross-section, the major diameter of the ellipse being 25 mm

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and the minor diameter 12 mm for a length of 80 mm.

Example 1: powder, alkaline

	Sodium carbonate	45.0%
5	Potassium carbonate	15.0%
	Sodium tripolyphosphate	16.0%
	FA + EO (5-25)	4.5%
	ABS Na	6.0%
	Nitrilotriacetic acid (Na salt)	3.2%
10	Rest = additives (dye, perfume, dust binder, etc.)	to 100%

Example 2: powder, acidic

	Sodium carbonate	2.0%
	Amidosulfonic acid	30.0%
15	Citric acid	15.0%
	Na gluconate	10.0%
	Alkane sulfonate	5.0%
	FA + EO (5-25)	8.0%
	Sodium sulfate	28.5%
20	Rest = additives (dye, perfume, etc.)	to 100%

Example 3: granules

	Sodium tripolyphosphate	14.0%
	Sodium metasilicate	5.2%
25	Sodium hydroxide	1.5%
	Sodium carbonate	3.5%
	ABS acid	2.7%
	Tallow alcohol + 14 EO	1.1%
	Na carbonate decahydrate	31.5%
30	Na sulfate	29.2%

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Rest = additives (dye, perfume, etc.)

to 100%

Example 4: paste

	Sodium sulfate	6.7%
5	Na tripolyphosphate	38.5%
	Nonionic surfactants: fatty alcohol + EO (5-12)	11.6%
	Fatty alcohol + EO (13-25)	1.2%
	Alkyl polyglucoside	6.8%
	Alkane sulfonate Na	23.0%
10	Nitrilotriacetic acid (Na salt)	2.8%
	Rest = water, additives (dye, perfume, etc.)	to 100%

15 These cleaners accommodated in elongate, water-soluble shells are placed in containers and then diluted with water for the preparation of the cleaning concentrate.

Example 5

20 A shaped cleaning body according to the invention weighing 15 g is placed in a 1 liter bottle. After the bottled has been filled with ca. 1 liter of water, it is shaken to form the liquid cleaning concentrate.

25 The advantages for the manufacturer, supplier, retailer (such as supermarkets) and the consumer are the sum total of all the advantages which concentrated products have over non-concentrated products: weight and volume are important factors in terms of general handling and production, transportation, storage, etc. Example 5 according to the invention is around 66 times lighter in weight than the conventional liquid cleaning concentrate, not including the weight of the bottle, and around 66 times smaller in volume.

30 Accordingly, a factory which, in the past, had produced and marketed 66 tonnes of conventional liquid cleaning concentrate would now

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only have to produce and market 1 tonne. The advantages in regard to transportation, storage and further handling as far as the user are commensurate.

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Amended Claims**ART 34 AMINT**

1. A process for the preparation of a cleaning concentrate in which
 - 5 a) a shaped cleaning body consisting of a solid cleaner and a water-soluble shell surrounding the solid cleaner has a narrow elongate form, the width of the shaped cleaning body at its widest point where it is cylindrical, elliptical or rectangular in shape being 1 to 3 cm and the length of the shaped cleaning body being at least twice its width at its widest point where it is cylindrical, elliptical or rectangular in shape, and is placed in the form of a portion, i.e. without previous quantity measurement, in a bottle with a typical bottle shape and a holding capacity of 0.3 to 10 liters and
 - 10 b) the bottle is filled with water to form a cleaning concentrate containing a particular quantity of active ingredients or
 - 15 c) the said shaped cleaning body is placed in the form of a portion, i.e. without previous quantity measurement, in the said bottle already filled with water to form a cleaning concentrate containing a particular quantity of active ingredients.
- 20 2. A process as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the said bottle is made of plastic, glass or metal.
3. A process as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the solid cleaner preferably contains one or more of the ingredients typical of surface cleaners selected from the group consisting of nonionic, anionic, cationic or
- 25 amphoteric surfactants, carbonates, sulfates or phosphates and components with complexing properties, acids and perfume and dyes.
4. A process as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the water-soluble shell contains one or more components selected from the group of polymers.
- 30 5. A process as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that the water-

5 which, on further dilution with water by a factor of 10 to 300, forms a ready-to-use solution for the cleaning of surfaces.

10 where it is cylindrical, elliptical or rectangular in shape being 1 to 3 cm and the length of the shaped cleaning body being at least twice its width at its widest point where it is cylindrical, elliptical or rectangular in shape in the cleaning of buildings by cleaning contractors and generally in the institutional cleaning service industry.

8. The use of shaped cleaning bodies consisting of a solid cleaner and a water-soluble shell surrounding the solid cleaner and having a narrow elongate form, the width of the shaped cleaning body at its widest point where it is cylindrical, elliptical or rectangular in shape being 1 to 3 cm and the length of the shaped cleaning body being at least twice its width at its widest point where it is cylindrical, elliptical or rectangular in shape in the domestic sector.

25 point where it is cylindrical, elliptical or rectangular in shape being 1 to 3 cm
and the length of the shaped cleaning body being at least twice its width at
its widest point where it is cylindrical, elliptical or rectangular in shape and
bottles with a typical bottle shape and a holding capacity of 0.3 to 10 liters,
the dimensions of the shaped cleaning body and the size of the container
30 opening being co-ordinated with one another.

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10. A system as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that the bottle is made of plastic, glass or metal.

11. A system as claimed in claim 9 or 10, characterized in that a cleaning concentrate is obtained when the shaped cleaning body is
5 contacted with water in a ratio by volume of 1:10 to 1:300 in the bottle with the particular holding capacity and, on further dilution with water by a factor of 10 to 300, the concentrate forms a ready-to-use solution for the cleaning of surfaces.

12. The use of the system claimed in one or more of claims 9 to 11 in
10 the cleaning of buildings by cleaning contractors and generally in the institutional cleaning service industry.

13. The use of the system claimed in one or more of claims 9 to 11 in the domestic sector.

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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to portioned cleaning shaped bodies which are comprised of solid cleaning agents and of a water-soluble coating and which are used for producing liquid cleaning agent concentrates. The invention also relates to the use of the cleaning shaped bodies in the area of building cleaning or industrial cleaning services or in the area of household cleaning.

(57) Zusammenfassung: Die vorliegende Erfindung betrifft portionierte Reinigungsformkörper, die aus festen Reinigungsmitteln und wasserlöslicher Umhüllung bestehen, für die Herstellung von flüssigen Reinigungsmittelkonzentraten und ihre Verwendung im Sektor der Gebäudereinigung oder gewerblichen Reinigungsdienstleistung oder im Bereich der Haushaltsreinigung.



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§ 1.56 Duty to disclose information material to patentability.

(a) A patent by its very nature is affected with a public interest. The public interest is best served, and the most effective patent examination occurs when, at the time an application is being examined, the Office is aware of and evaluates the teachings of all information material to patentability. Each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of a patent application has a duty of candor and good faith in dealing with the Office, which includes a duty to disclose to the Office all information known to that individual to be material to patentability as defined in this section. The duty to disclose information exists with respect to each pending claim until the claim is canceled or withdrawn from consideration, or the application becomes abandoned. Information material to the patentability of a claim that is canceled or withdrawn from consideration need not be submitted if the information is not material to the patentability of any claim remaining under consideration in the application. There is no duty to submit information which is not material to the patentability of any existing claim. The duty to disclose all information known to be material to patentability is deemed to be satisfied if all information known to be material to patentability of any claim issued in a patent was cited by the Office or submitted to the Office in the manner prescribed by §§ 1.97(b)-(d) and 1.98. However, no patent will be granted on an application in connection with which fraud on the Office was practiced or attempted or the duty of disclosure was violated through bad faith or intentional misconduct. The Office encourages applicants to carefully examine:

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(2) the closest information over which individuals associated with the filing or prosecution of a patent application believe any pending claim patentably defines, to make sure that any material information contained therein is disclosed to the Office.

(b) Under this section, information is material to patentability when it is not cumulative to information already of record or being made of record in the application, and

(1) It establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of a claim;

or

(2) It refutes, or is inconsistent with, a position the applicant takes in:

(i) Opposing an argument of unpatentability relied on by the Office, or

(ii) Asserting an argument of patentability.

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(c) Individuals associated with the filing or prosecution of a patent application within the meaning of this section are:

(1) Each inventor named in the application:

(2) Each attorney or agent who prepares or prosecutes the application; and

(3) Every other person who is substantively involved in the preparation or prosecution of the application and who is associated with the inventor, with the assignee or with anyone to whom there is an obligation to assign the application.

(d) Individuals other than the attorney, agent or inventor may comply with this section by disclosing information to the attorney, agent, or inventor.

(e) In any continuation-in-part application, the duty under this section includes the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to the person to be material to patentability, as defined in paragraph (b) of this section, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

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